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HE speaks in his 20th. Page, Of waging of War, Battel, and Contention, like Boys, and Dogs in the Streets, who tear and devour one another; such as are jump't up together, unheard of, &c.

Ans. Hath not this been your condition, who have started up after the Apostles? Or, were ever the Papists heard of, with all your Body of Inventions in the Apostles dayes, that be like Boyes and Dogs, fighting and tearing to pieces others that will not conform, to your trifling Traditions, and empty Ceremonies? Yea and with such as follow the Apostles Doctrine, and do not presume above what is written, according to the Apostles Doctrine, and because such cannot submit to your Rudiments, which you have presumptuously set up, Have you not burnt many to ashes? which is far worse than Boyes and Dogs, &c.

And whereas thou queriest in Page 29. *Whether the Word of God came to you Quakers? &c.* Or, *Came it to you only? &c.*

Ans. The Word of God came unto us before we preached it, which is the same which was among the Apostles, and is the same which was yesterday, to day, and for ever. But you Papists and Protestants, and others, are gone from this never changable Word, as is manifest by your trifling Traditions, who hold them up by carnal Weapons, contrary to the Apostles and the Quakers, which are spiritual.

And whereas thou queriest, *Whether the Gospel came to the Pope and Papists first?*

We answer, No, For the Gospel of Christ (which is the Power of God) was preached to *Abrams*: but the fruits of you Papists and others, have denyed your selves to be in this Gospel (to wit, the

Power of God which brings Life and Immortality to Light) by your dark Inventions and Traditions, Persecutions and Oppressions, which is not, nor was not, the Gospel-Practice; as, look among the Apostles writings in the Primitive Church, and see how far you are degenerated from them.

And thou sayest, *That the Spirit, the Word, the Lord, the Light, and such like, are Motives of a new-Fancy.*

Answer. To the Papists, and others like unto them, that be out of the Spirit, Light, Word, and the Lord, and have cast him and the Apostles behind their backs, and followed their own Inventions, and have persecuted one another for not observing them (who are in your fancies) the Spirit, Light, Word, and the Lord, are new fancies to you (but to us they are substance) who set up and tolerate your lies by your Laws, and prefer them before the Lord, his Spirit, Word, Light and Truth, which were, and are the Guide of the Righteous to this day; amongst whom, your Inventions were never heard off before your day, which all are to beware of.

And, *Them that be Hereticks, thou sayest, are to be checked twice or thrice, and then to be avoided.*

To which we *Answer*, This hath not been the Papists practice to them that you suspect to be Hereticks, that joyn not to your Popish wayes, for you Burn and Persecute them to Death; but if you had left them after you had admonished them, ye had done something according to Scripture: but on the contrary, you shew thereby, that you have no Love to Enemies, no Sun to shine upon the Unjust, not having the mind of Christ nor of his Apostles, nor no Sons of God, but of the Pharisees brood.

And whereas thou speakest of the Church Interpreting Scriptures. How can the Papist Church Interpret Scriptures, when the Jesuites have said to our faces, that they have not the same spirit that the Prophets and Apostles had. And seeing Christ saith, *The Spirit of Truth shall lead you into all Truth;* and the Apostle saith, *That no man knoweth the things of God but the Spirit of God.* And John saith, in the Revelations to the Churches, *Hear what the Spirit saith.* Therefore the Papist Church not having the same Spirit, they cannot interpret Scriptures & so they are judged out of their own mouths. And the Spirit of God doth lead to hate the works of the Devil, who was a liar from the beginning, and all his Children do his will; and who have done his will more then the Papists? yea, worse than the Pha-

Pharisees ; for they never invented so many Racks and Tortures as ye have done, and burnt so many to ashes since Boniface the third, the Universal Pope, set up by Phocas the Emperour. And so ye that scoffe at the Light, &c.. not having the same Spirit and Power as the Apostles had, you'l Rack, and Torture and Imprison, and Burn to ashes your Friends ; for, how can ye discern them, not having the same Spirit the Apostles had ? We think you Papists, Protestants, Presbyterians, Independants and Baptists might agree, for they confesse the same that you do, viz. *That they have not the same Spirit the Apostles had* ; then ye have another, for there is but two Spirits ; and it's much ye should make such a noise one against another, and cannot agree. But your Inventions are old and theirs are new, and both brings in Gain to you, which maintains your Lusts, and that raiseth your war one against another, which they that are in the Spirit the Apostles were in, see over you all ; and they that be in the Spirit, have both Visions and Prophecies, and by it hath Miracles been wrought, which some of your Generation hath said, as the Pharisees did to Christ, *That they were wrought by the power of the Devil.*

And whereas thou sayest, *Page 51. The Roman Catholicks brought the news of Christ and Christianity into the Land first.*

Ans. We say No. Christ and Christianity was brought into this Land of England, by Joseph of Arimathea, and twelve Disciples sent by Philip the Apostle above 70 years after Christ, which was many hundred years before there was any Universal Pope, and many years before any Mass was set up.

And whereas thou speakest in *Page 53.* of such as say of Christ, *Loe he's here, Loe he's there.*

We Answer. This is just your own condition ; for do you not make a Christ of Bread, which you call your God, and lift him up ; and when you have eaten up one, you make another, lift him up ; and carry him about streets, crying, *The Host*, and call it the *Sacrament of the Altar* ; and when you have eaten him up also, do you not make another, and cry, *Loe here, loe there is Christ* ? But the Quakers when they have received Christ, preach him (as the Apostles did) *when the Son of God is revealed in them, &c.*

And *Jobs* words, now adayes, are not so easie to answer as thou thinkest ; for why have not your Papists answered all the Quakers Queries that have been put to you ? Thou mayest say, *We want Queen Mary,*

Mary, and Bishop Bonner, who answered by Fire and Faggot (to the destruction of the Righteous) for that hath been your way of answering; but this hath never been the work of the Church of Christ, nor of godly Rulers, as thou speakest of.

And whereas thou sayest, in Page 93. *The Holy Church hath alwayes, in all Ages, forbidden her Children to Dispute the Principles of Religion in the sence they had received them.*

Ans. This is the Papists Church (not the Holy Church) and its Principles, and it is false, as to the Holy Church; they were to be ready to give an account to every man of the Hope that is in them, with meekness and fear; which Hope is Christ. And the Apostle declared plainly when brought before the Magistrates, how Christ appeared to him, and how he was sent to Preach. And the true Church was to contend for the Faith which was delivered to the Saints; and they were to speak in the same sence of Faith which they had received. For the Apostles said, *They were to warn every man, that they might present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.* And to it's plain that the Apostles and the Prophets spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, in the sence of what they received.

And whereas thou sayest, *That all Christians are to acknowledge a new Pope, &c.*

To which we Answer, No. The Christians that now are, as also in the Primitive times, are Brethren; and it is not among them as it was amongst the Apostates, which are as the Gentiles, *who exercise Lordship one over another*; and those that do so, are by you and them called Gracious Lords. But Christ saith, *It shall not be so amongst you, meaning his Disciples, for ye are Brethren; and ye have but one Master, even Christ.* And as the Apostle saith, *In the world there are many Lords, but to us there is but one, even the Lord Jesus Christ, who is Head of the Church*: Yea, Head of thar Church which the Saints upon the Earth then, and which we now, are Members of, who is our Head, the same to day, yesterday, and for ever; though he is not so to the Papists.

And whereas thou speakest, *That by reason of the great obscurity of things, we are led into so many differences.*

Ans. What is the reason indeed you with others are so dark and obscure, that you are not in the same Spirit and Power that the Apostles were in, and being out of it you go into so many Sects and Divisions.

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And whereas thou speakest, *Of learning the Foundation upon which Faith is built.*

To which we Answer, Your works, and others do testifie, that you have forsaken both Foundation, good Conscience, and Faith that works by Love; for the Historical or dead Faith, works by hatred, and the foundation of that is the Adversary the Devil.

And whereas thou speakest, *In England, of some that pretend to a new Light.*

To which we Answer, That Christ is the Light, who is the new and living Way. It's indeed a new way to you who are apostatized from the Light which the Apostles were in, and the Life and Spirit, the fruits whereof are Love, &c. But ye have manifested another spirit and fruits: As remember the Burning in *Smithfield*, and Cruelties in other parts, as the *Massacre in Ireland*, and other parts of the world; your putting to death for your Religion, which the Apostles did not for their Religion; which Light of Christ was their Light, which is now sprung up in *England*, is become a new Light unto you, who are workers of *Darkness*.

And whereas thou sayest, *The Quakers words are jumbled together, so that every Line hath no sense in it: and thou resemblest them to the Turks Alkaron.*

To which we answer, To you the Prophets, Apostles, and Christs words are not sense, for if they were, then what need you thrust all these words of small Letters, into the Books of the Old and New Testament, called the *stallick Letter*; signifying, that they are no more sense to you than the *Quakers* Books, who make an addition to them. Therefore we do not strange at thy saying, *That our Writings are nonsense*; but we can say to you as *Solomon* saith, *That our words are all plain to him that is of Understanding.*

And as for the *Turkish Alkaron*: Whose Writings are nearer unto them than the *Papists* are? Set all your old Images aside, which you have neither out of the Old Testament, nor of the New, but from your own dreaming conceit, that you speak of.

And whereas thou speakest, *Of the Presbyterian falling out with the Protestant, and calling him a Fanatick; the Catholick coming by and seeing them, doth hope that they may come to their Goods again, &c.*

A. You want power to set up your Fire and Fagots again, and you long after your Tythes, and great Monastries, and Gleab-Land, &c.

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For if you had minded the good of Peoples souls, why would so many thousands of you have turned from your Religion, as your Priests and others in *Queen Elizabeths* dayes did? And as for Fanaticke-wrath, fury, rage and madness, who hath manifested this spirit since the Apostles dayes more then you, yea, upon such as have professed the Name of Christ? And while you and other Sects are falling out, Truth will arise over all your heads, as it was in *England*, and other parts, before the *Pope* and his *Mass-Book*, or you *Papists* were. And as for *Catholick*, your actions and fruits have declared and testified against you, to deny the *Catholick Faith* that works by Love, and the *Catholick Gospel*, and the *Catholick Church* with its *Catholick Head*. And the *Quakers* have to war in the Spirit of God with you, and also with all such as are in your Dreggs, and be out of the same Spirit that the Prophets and Apostles were in.

And to the *Querie* in *Page* 188. We Answer, That neither *Protestants* nor you have lived in *Unity* these several hundred years; for you have laid more stumbling blocks to hinder the spreading of Christianity, then ever did *Jezabel* by *Baals* Priests. And as for telling you of several hundred years, it was above 600 years after Christ before any Universal Bishop got up. And then the Turk got up after the *Pope*, and he got from him near as much as all Christendom: and then did not he lose *Germany*, *England*, *Ireland*, *Scotland*, *Denmark*, *Sweden* and the *Low-Countries*, yea and *Egypt*, *Jerusalem* and other parts that way, and part of *France*, and yet will not the *Pope* tell us, that he is Head of the Church, and that the Gates of Hell shall not prevaile against him? And what strivings were there in *Italy* and *Spain*, and other places, before you set up your *Inquisitions*, about the time of the Council of *Trent*. And as for your *Unity*, let us tell you, if you have forgotten, Did the *Waldenses* ever joyn to you, after the *Pope* got up? Nay, did not they gall him more then all? and did not he send a Prince to destroy them, and did not the Lord turn him back again empty? Read the Council of *Trent*. And whether or no do the Churches of the *Corinthians*, *Philippians* and *Thessalonians* joyn to the *Pope*? or why hath the *Pope* made so many Orders to preserve the *Unity* by his *Inquisitions*?

And whereas thou Queriest, *How came the Bible into England*, was it not brought up hither at the *Lands Conversion* by the *Romans*?

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Ans. We say again, That many Christians came over into *Eng-land*, and preached the Gospel many hundred years before any Universal *Pope* was ; and dost thou think that there were no Books nor Epistles brought over before *Boniface* the *Pope* was ? whose time was 600 years after Christ, when that *Joseph* of *Arimathea* with twelve more, as hath been said, came over within seventy years after Christ.

And whereas thou marvellest, *Of the many wayes of Rebellion in England not reconciled, yet have not all this while appealed to the King as Supream Head of the Church; and you have secretly murmured against Queen Elizabeth, and King James.*

Ans. We know it, and also against the King now (its like) you are murmuring as against King *James*, is sufficiently known to this day, and against *Elizabeth* too. Do you not remember what striving there was in many parts of the Nation ; but what's this ? you are troubled because the *Pope* is not Head. It seems *the Gates of Hell* hath prevailed against your Church ; and if so, a Lye is found in your right hand, and you not to be the true Church, according to your own Doctrine ; for proof whereof, you may look about you in *Turkey*, and *Egypt*, and *Jerusalem*, and all over *Europe*.

And whereas thou sayest, *The Pope easily managed the Peoples Consciences, and kept them in order and peaceableness ; and thou sayest, the Reason is because of the multitude of People about him, and Priests, who shine like Stars.* And thou sayest, *The Popes for the most part are very good, yet it may happen that some of them are no better than they should be.*

Ans. Here the Clamorous Woman pluck's down her own house ; for how often have you written, and told People that the *Popes* are *Infallible*, and could not erre ?

And as for the *Pope* and his *Priests* shining like Stars and keeping the People in peace. Your own Council of *Trent* manifests that insufficiently, and also in other parts of the World you may read your Order. But the *Pope* would be in the Throne of God, and be Lord of the Consciences of People, and have power over mens Faith, contrary to the Apostles, who had not power over any mans Faith. And as for shining like Stars in the firmament ; you have wandred up and down, till you have darkened the Air, as *Jude* speaks. But the Everlasting Gospel is again preached, which shineth over y u all.

And whereas thou sayest, *That none of your Ecclesiastical benefits were given by Princes and People to maintain Wife and Children, but only for such as were single, and had consecrated themselves, &c.*

Ans. Is it not better to Marry then to be called Concubinary Priests, as you were called in the Council of *Trent*? And did not your Benefits maintain the Poor as well as the Priests? And how long after Christ was it before Priests were forbidden to Marry? Nay, did not some of your own Popes allow Priests to Marry, and afterwards denied it again? Truly a man had need have a great deal of patience to read your Popes Lives, and Lawes, and Decrees, and Councils, they are so full of confusions and contradictions; though filed *Unerring*, and *Infallible*, they have wholly erred from the Apostles, and the Scriptures of Truth.

And whereas you say, *You kneel at your Communion, and you draw a compendious Common Prayer, and you keep up the Pulpits for Catholicks who built them.*

Ans. Of these things you and others have made a Trade of, and in, though none of all these things you find among the Apostles. The Scripture saith, *They sate when they received the Supper.*

And whereas thou comparest the Quakers to *Ishmael*, whose hand is against every man.

Ans. This is your own condition, as your actions declare, tho you can flatter secretly for your own advantage; have you not destroyed Protestants of all sorts to make them to bend to your Ruidiments? But the Quakers have an Universal Love to all mankind, and are of the Faith of *Abraham*, that works by Love, and desire the everlasting good of all mankind, of the Turk and Pope too, as they are Men; if they should come to our Houses, and want Bread or Drink, we can freely give them some, but as for their Religion and wayes we deny. And why dost thou contradict one of thy fellows sayings to us, the *Infallibility of the real Presence*; which said, *The Consecrated would wear away as the Unconsecrated.*

And Page 196. thou sayest, *Why doth not the Bishop of Canterbury Summon a Council to end the Differences about Religion?*

Ans. Here thou seemest to be a lover of Peace and Concord, but it is not the Bishop of Canterbury, but it is the Popes Authority that thou wouldest have up, as in the former Page, where thou speakest.

speakeſt of Benefits, and of Single Life, and of you *Catholicks* to come to your right again (whilst others are fighting) thou wouldſt ſet them together to haſten the end : but the Serpent is ſeen in his hole and out of it.

And whereas thou mentioneſt four Sects, (*viz.*) *Independants*, *Presbyterians*, *Anabaptiſts* and *Quakers*, of their diſturbſing the Peace; thou mighteſt have left out the *Quakers*, and taken the reſt to your ſelves, and been the head of them; for who hath diſturbſed the Peace of all Nations more then ye have done? Ye may truly take the right hand of Fellowship there.

And whereaſ in Page 201. thou ſayeſt, *They are all Infallible, and will not be moved ſo much as to moderation.*

A. Thou mighteſt very well have kept in this, and have read the Council of *Trent*, of the *Pope* who ſaid, *He would fire all the world but he would make them obey him.* And read in the *Papents* of *Popes*, there thou mayeſt ſee, that your *Popes* (which you ſay cannot erre) are more like Beaſts than Men : And ſo your *Immoderation* and *fallibility*, and *erring ſpirits* have maniſteſted it ſelf ſufficiently in *Europe*. And we who are called *Quakers*, do ſeek the peace of all men, whoſe Weapons are *Spiritual* and not *Carnal*, like yours, who have degenerated from the *Apoſtles*.

And whereaſ thou ſayeſt, *The Reformers too off and ſlaſhed the Antient Faith.*

Anſw. Ye are out of that Faith that works by Love, which is the Antient Faith, and out of the Doctrine of Chriſt and his Apoſtles, and have ſlaht and cut thoſe that be in it. For where doth he bid you run to Graves for Reliques, and ſet up Images, and dreſſe your *Popes* more like to Stage-players than *Peter*? For *Peter* and the Apoſtles had none of theſe Titles given unto them, as the *Pope* hath taken unto himſelf, but ſuch things were forbidden by Chriſt, and he hath exalted himſelf above his brethren; but God is able to bring him down again, for he is of the Image: part *Iron*, part *Clay*, which I would have him to expound. What good doth your Confession do where there is not amendment? For what People under the Sun are more Envious, Proud, Drink, Swear, Curſe, and many unclean Actions found in and amongſt, as yours be?

And whereaſ thou ſayeſt, Page 232. *The Confession, nor any beginning thereof cannot be found out.*

Ans. Therefore you go upon a foundation which had no bottom; for in the beginning in the Primitive times, the Apostles did not set up any Confessors, therefore you are shut out of their Practice.

And whereas thou speakest, *Of inflicting penalties of Scourging or Death upon Delinquents, though they be never so sorry for their Offence.*

Ans. In this is much Ignorance; because that you and others have persecuted one another to Death, because you would not conform to one anothers Religion; which shews you are like *Nebuchadnezzar*, and worse then the *Jewes*, (in some respect) for did they Persecute any of the Heathen to death because they would not joyn to their Religion? Though in one respect you are like unto the *Jewes*, who said, *Come, let us kill the Heir, and the Inheritance shall be ours.* And were not they called Murderers? And have not you crucified Christ afresh and put him to an open shame? As instance the *Pope Eugenius*, who caused the King of Poland to break his Oath and League with the *Turk*, upon which he lost a great part of Christendom; who seldom got any thing by fighting or plotting with his Carnal weapon. But if the *Papists* had been true Christians, they would have loved one another, and have loved Enemies. But there is no mercy from you, although a man be never so sorry for his Offence, but Death and Scourging; but thy thoughts and mind are not the Lords, *who desireth not the death of a sinner, but would have him repent and live.* And therefore, *What hast thou to do to take the Name of the Lord into thy mouth, and hatest to be reformed?* And as for the Apostle *Paul's* words which he spake, as in the person of Christ, what is that to your practice, who speak in the spirit of Satan? as ye may look over your words and actions in *Fox's Acts* and Monuments, and the Council of *Trent*, and other Books, who shewed another spirit and life than Christ and the Apostles: for Christ came *to save mens lives, not to destroy them*, as ye have done, who do not know what spirit ye are off.

And whereas thou speakest, *Of some places where the People are on their knees at Prayer all the week long: and our Churches are not so in England.*

Ans. Ye were not at your Prayers all the week long when ye had power in *England*, and were burning the Martyrs to ashes, up
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and down at Stakes. The Wolf is seen though he hath the Sheeps cloathing on his back ; thou canst not be hid, but the wise and prudent see and comprehend thee ; and *the prayers of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord.* For hath it not been a *Fist of wickedness* that ye have lifted up these many hundred years ? Dost not, and hath not your actions declared and spoken them abroad in the ears of sober People ? Where is the *House of Prayer* thou speakest of ? Is it the Temple at *Jerusalem*, which thou art wandering to ? That's down, according to Christ's Prophecie. And the Apostles say, *Our Bodies are the Temples of the holy Ghost*, and in the Holy Ghost we are to pray. And is not that the Temple, set above all houses made with hands ? and so the Apostle saith, we must pray in the Spirit, and so we must pray in the Temple ; but this I doubt thou canst not read with thy Spectacles on.

And whereas thou sayest, *Ye have kept your Mass and Bible in an unknown Tongue, and yet you call your selves Catholick.*

Ans. This is not Catholick from the Apostle, for he was against them that spake in an unknown tongue, that was not to edification ; and he reproves it ; so ye are come under the reproof of the Apostle. And the Apostle sent Epistles to be read to the Churches in their age : and now you that have put the Bible in an unknown Tongue, and kept your people under teaching ever since Boniface the third, are not your People capable yet to have the Scriptures read to them in their own Tongue ? This manifests your Popish Teachers bad, and your Peoples ignorance, and your own deceit and fear of your selves, if the people should have them in their own Tongue, they would see you. And whereas you make a distinction of Lay people and Spiritual, and yet all Believers ; if they were so indeed, *they would be all born of God.* And the Apostles in the Primitive time made no such distinction as Lay people and Spiritual among Believers, &c. as ye do. But ye have been in the dark, and your works are all in the dark, and so ye keep the Scripture from the people in their own Tongue, whereby they might come to know the Truth. And the holy Scriptures are a better Book than any ye can make, which stands over you and your Mass Book.

As for all your perverting Scriptures, thereby thinking to bend them to your Traditions and Images, they that have a single eye sees it's to no purpose. And as for calling upon *Saints, Angels,* and

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Martyrs to pray for you, to have mercy upon you, for which you have neither Scripture nor Example from the Apostles. And whereas thou ignorantly and pervertingly bringest *David's* words, and *Daniels*, for the praying to Angels, &c. and the Sun and Moon: *David* nor none of the Saints nor Martyrs of old did call to the Sun, Moon, Angels, or Saints, but they called for all things to praise the Lord; for whilst they were living, the Saints prayed one for another, but to pray to Saints departed, is like *Saul's* going to the Witch of *Endor*, to ask counsel of the Dead, which was forbidden by the Law of God. So in this you are ignorant both of Law and Gospel. Many other frivolous things thou hast in thy Book not worth reading or answering.

But one thing further; whereas thou saiest, *The Church of Rome is the Mother Church*. Was not the Church of *Jerusalem* before the Church of *Rome* was? Read the Scriptures. And was not the Church at *Constantinople* preferred before the Church of *Rome*? Read over the Histories again. And for the Church of *Rome*, being either Mother Church, Holy Church, or Church of God; her actions and deeds testify against her, she's none of the Church of Christ; though she pretend for Christ yet she is against Christ, his Faith, Spirit and Life, and so *Antichrist*; her deeds and works have spoken it; which all that be in the Light, Spirit and Life of Christ have seen and heard. And how can ignorant people but smile at you, as thou saiest, who make Bread and Wine God, which will sowre and corrupt. Some Scriptures follow here, which ye may read your selves. *Isa. 8. 19. Psal. 115. 17.*

Something in Answer to the Papists Queries.

THOU sayest in the 338 Page, *Apostacy is not only a renouncing of the Faith of Christ, but the very Name and Title of Christianity; and no man will say that the Church of Rome had ever such a fall as this.*

A. The Faith of Christ that works by Love, the *Romish* Church hath renounced and made shipwrack of, and then what remains but a Form of godliness, when the Power is denied, and such are to be turned away from; and such a Church as deny the Faith, deny the Power; and to profess Christ and Christianity in Words, and deny him in Life and Power, is *Anti-Christ*, and this the Church of *Rome*

is fallen into. For many that kept the Title of *Jews* (as you have done the Title of *Christianity*) were found of the *Synagogue of Satan*, so will you when you come to be proved and tryed by the faithful, as they that said, *they were Jews and were not, but lyars, blasphemers, and Synagogues of Satan.*

Querie 2. *If the Church of Rome did ever adhere to any singular or new Opinion, disagreeable to the common received Doctrine of the Christian World? I pray you satisfie me as to these particulars.*

A. The Church of *Rome* have set up new Opinions by which they force their people to adhere to them contrary to all the Primitive Churches, as all may see who will read but the Decrees, Orders, and Canons in your Church, and that read the Epistles that were to the Churches in the Primitive times, to be contrary to the Doctrine of the Primitive times; as your making your God and Christ in your Bread and Wine, your Crosses, Crucifixes, Reliques, making of Ministers, Pilgrims, Popes, and all your Body of Clergy, together with their Orders and Garments, that are nothing like the Way, Worship and Practice of the Primitive Church, which was the first among the Apostles. And was not *Rome* degenerated when the Bishop would excommunicate all the Eastern Churches, who was reproved sharply for it?

Qu. 3. *Thou sayest, By what General Council was the Church of Rome Condemned, and by what Authority was she Reproved?*

A. Three hundred and seven years after Christ, the Bishop of *Rome* denied Christ and sacrificed to Idols, (mark) *denied Christ*, then he must deny *Christianity* when he took up another Religion; then what did he bring the People of *Rome* to, when he had sacrificed to Idols? The Bishops Name was *Mercelinus*, and he was condemned by a Council of 300 Bishops. And here thou mayest see the Authority that reproved him, before your *Papish* Religion, See *Eusebius* in *Pag. 36. Chronograp.* Was not the Bishop of *Rome* the first that Decreed, *that Priests should not Marry*, in the 399 year of Christ?

And then the first Council held at *Toledo* in *Spain*, in the year of Christ 401, Decreed, *That Priests should Marry*, and so contradicted the Bishop of *Rome*. And were they not once of the Sect of the *Arrians*, and Reproved? Look in *Eusebius* and you will see Re-proofs enough. Also you may read in Scripture, what work the Apostle had with the Church of *Rome*, how they were in his day going

into the Works of the Law from the Faith. Also in the 417 year of Christ, how that the Bishop of Rome passed the bounds of his Priestly Order, in his presumption, in challenging to himself the Secular Power and Authority, who was reprov'd sharply; and then a Council held in Africa, Decreed, That no Bishop should be called, The Head of all Priests; That no Appeal should be made at Africa to any other Bishop. And so the Church was Ruled by Councils till Boniface the Third, who got up to be Universal Bishop of all the World, by the means of Phocas that murdered Mauricius the Emperour, his Master, after the 600 year of Christ; and then came in the Pope, the Turk, and the Devil, with all their Body, and pelling Ceremonies.

Then did the Pope lose the greatest part of Christendome, and the Emperor the greatest part of his Empire; and so in succeeding Ages in stead of the Bible, you brought into the Church Legends of Lyes, as you may read, *Euseb. Pag. 410.*

Qu. 4. Thou Queriest, *If ever the Church of Rome divided herself by Schisme from any other Body of faithful Christians, to break Communion, or went from the Society of any Elder Church? what Company did she leave, from what Body did she go forth, where was the true Church which she forsook?*

Ans. She went from the practise of the Church in the Primitive times, and from the Body of their Elders in all their dayes, and hath forsaken their Society and Communion, and divided her self from Christ the Head, and hath set up another, and is divided from all the Apostles and Elders. Compare your own Canons which you use in your own Church, with the Writings of the Apostles, and you may quickly see from what Church, Body and Company of faithful Christians and Elders you are all gone and erred from, into another Faith, Worship, Life, Power, Gospel and Practise, than Christ and the Apostles were in, in the Primitive times. For what one thing is it that the Church of Rome practiseth, that is agreeable to theirs in all your Worship? and your Teachers that hold it up, who are maintained by oppressing the People, and are upheld by carnal weapons, and by them are all your dark Doctrines and Inventions set up, and by Goals, and Prisons and Tortures. But the Elders, which you have forsaken, and Ministers and Apostles, their Weapons were Spiritual, and not Carnal as yours are; who are sold under the sin, far off the Redemption, therefore do you destroy so many Lives, not knowing what Spirit ye be of, persecuting them that have the mind of Christ, who came to save mens Lives, and to love Enemies, and one another, whose Doctrine ye deny.

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